

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, and 24 have been amended, and claims 34-58 have been newly added. Claims 1-58 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 27-33 are allowable and claims 3-8, 13-16, 19, 21, and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claims 3, 14, 16, 19, 21, and 24 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 3, 14, 16, 19, 21, and 24 along with claims 27-33 should be in condition for allowance.

Applicants additionally acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that independent claims 1 and 22 would be allowable if amended to describe the cover as not used during testing. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 22 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants therefore believe that the rejections of claims 1 and 22 have been overcome.¹ Therefore, claims 1 and 22 should also be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 4-13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23, 25, and 26 depend from one of independent claims 1, 3, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, or 24. Therefore, claims 2, 4-13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23, 25, and 26 are also in condition for allowance.

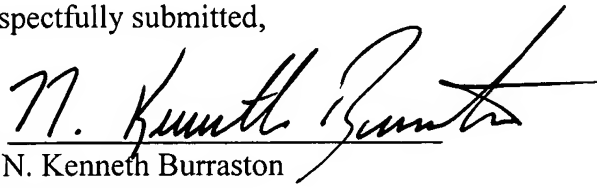
Each of new independent claims 34, 45, and 54 include the requirement that the cover is not used during testing. New independent claims 34, 45, and 54 are therefore also patentable over the prior art of record. Claims 35-44, 46-53, and 55-58 depend from one of independent claims 34, 45, or 54 and are therefore also patentable over the prior art of record.

¹ Claims 1, 20, and 22 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious in view of US Patent No. 4782289 to Schwar ("Schwar"), US Patent No. 6316954 to Venaleck ("Venaleck"), and US Patent No. 5729149 to Bradshaw ("Bradshaw"). In addition, claims 2, 9, 10, 11, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious in view of Schwar, US Patent No. 5577819 to Olsen ("Olsen"), Venalek, and Bradshaw. Claims 1, 2, 12, 22, 23, 25, and 26 were also rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious in view of Schwar, US Patent No. 4396935 to Schuck ("Schuck"), and US Patent No. 4232928 to Wickersham ("Wickersham"). Claims 12 and 25 were additionally rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious in view of Schwar, Venalek, Bradshaw, and Wickersham.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all of the claims are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with Applicants' attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (801) 323-5934.

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